

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5916

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Government Operations & Elections, February 12, 2007

**Title:** An act relating to filing reports electronically to the legislature.

**Brief Description:** Requiring agency reports to the legislature to be submitted electronically.

**Sponsors:** Senator Regala.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Government Operations & Elections: 2/12/07 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Kline, Pridemore and Swecker.

**Staff:** Sharon Swanson (786-7447)

**Background:** The Legislature receives over 200 reports from state agencies every year. Many of these reports are submitted annually or on a regular basis, while others may be a one-time requirement to complete a study and make recommendations to the Legislature.

**Summary of Bill:** State agencies are required to submit reports to the Legislature in electronic format. Agencies must submit the reports to the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate, who must provide an easily accessible online site for the reports. Agencies must provide copies of the required reports to the Chair of the appropriate legislative committee, the committee's ranking minority member, and a copy each to the Senate and House of Representatives lead legislative staff.

Agencies will send a letter to the appropriate legislative committee informing them that the report has been filed electronically to the legislative internet home page. Agencies may make hard copies available by request.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: Very few people who receive reports at the Legislature actually need them in hard copy. We can reduce a lot of waste with this bill. It's time for us to move into the future and take advantage of the technology available to us to reduce waste and be more efficient.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Regala, prime sponsor.